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News Notes

Lean event set for October

A Shelterized Systems Enterprise Value Stream Lean event is scheduled for Oct. 3-6.

The event will focus on increasing the accuracy and effectiveness of the Evaluation and Inventory Process for shelterized systems. Participants will address issues that adversely affect quality, cost and schedule.

The event is a top-down, process-focused approach to improvement of the overhaul process for shelterized systems.

For more information, or to submit ideas for improvement, call Paul Roberts, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate, X57991.

ACS plans career day

The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) will host the 2011 Career Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Hilton Scranton Hotel and Conference Center. The center is located at 100 Adams Avenue in Scranton.

The event is open to veterans, military family members, federal employees and the general public.

To register or get more information, call 570-615-8887 or send an e-mail to nicole.nelson4@us.army.mil.

Day trip tickets available

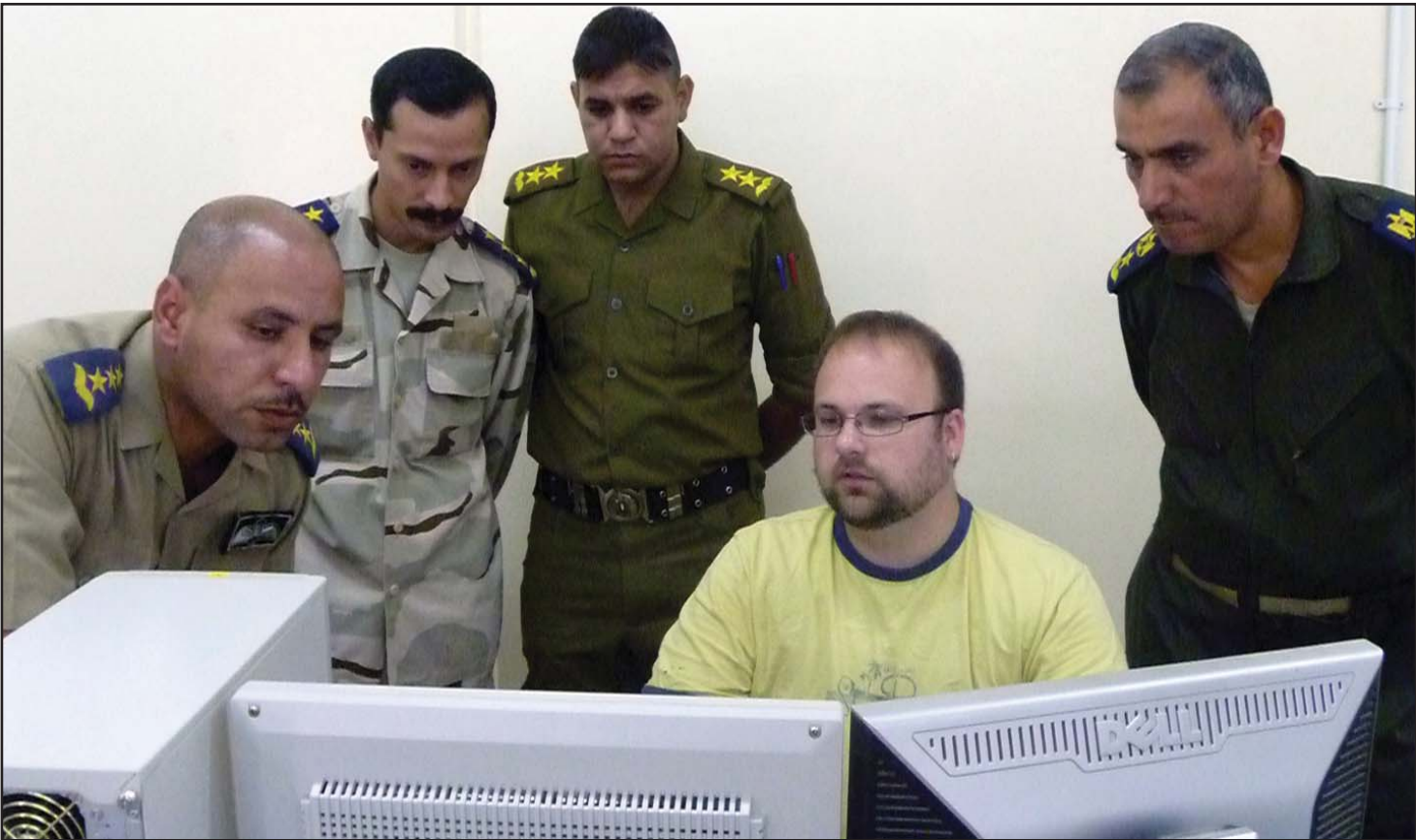
Take a day trip to New York City December 10. The cost is \$20 per person. Transportation will leave the depot parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and New York at 6 p.m.

Travelers will be dropped off and picked up near Broadway. Reservations and payment can be made at the One Stop Shop.

Union meeting

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1647, will meet at 5 p.m. today at the Tobyhanna VFW Post 509.

For more information, call the union office, X57789.



John Nemeth shows Iraqi officers how to operate instructor and student software for a depot-installed language laboratory. The officers are with the Iraqi Air Force's English Language Training Program. Nemeth, an electronics technician in the Command, Control and Computers/Avionics Directorate's Computer Service and Repair Branch, was part of a depot team that installed two language labs in Iraq. (Photo courtesy John Nemeth)

Team installs language labs in Iraq

by Justin Eimers
Assistant Editor

Despite harsh weather and unique working conditions, four depot employees completed installation of language laboratories in Taji and Ar Rustamayah, Iraq, that will help Iraqis learn English.

Jerome Demeck, Frank Jones, John Nemeth and Rich Ondrako successfully finished two Training Multimedia Language Laboratory (TMLL) installations in August. Jerome Demeck is chief of the Systems Integration and Support (SIS) Directorate's Electrical Cable Support Branch; Jones is an electronics mechanic in the Command, Control and Computers/Avionics Directorate's Computer Service and Repair Branch.

The crew encountered multiple power issues during their two-week mission. On the work site in Taji, hours of operation were limited from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m. The team worked during these hours

because that was the only times electricity was available.

Ondrako, an electrician in the SIS Directorate's Electrical Cable Support Branch, says the group often had to take work from the site back 'home' with them to the base at which they were staying.

There are three language lab configurations - analog, digital and resource center.

The analog language laboratory is an audio active language laboratory that allows a student to hear a program via a headphone and to respond using the microphone.

The digital version, like the labs just established in Iraq, is a digital multimedia language laboratory, which contains application software programmed specifically for language learning in a structured classroom environment.

The resource center laboratory is configured as a local area network, which may be used as a single user personal computer lab allowing for group or independent learning.

"The furniture is modular in design, which allowed us to map out the layout and arrangement of the lab without being on-site," said Ondrako. This also made up for lost time when the crew was unable to continue working in the absence of power at the site in Ar Rustamayah.

Nemeth, an electronics technician in the C3/Avionics Directorate's Computer Service and Repair Branch, was the team leader for both installations. He says safety was the main concern during the entire mission, especially when temperatures rose to above 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

A second problem with power occurred at Ar Rustamayah when a generator, the main source of power for the work site, ran out of fuel. On July 26, Iraqis left the building that housed the language lab to observe the Ramadan holiday and could not maintain the generator. British military personnel worked for three hours that afternoon to start the generator but were unsuccessful, forcing the

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Waiting to see God’s blessing

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

I recently took the annual APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) that consists of push-ups, sit-ups and a 2-mile run. It takes a lot of discipline and effort to prepare for the APFT. If I want to pass, there are things that I have to make myself do, like exercising every day. There are also things that I have to make myself not do, like eating too much. Passing the APFT is not automatic for me, it takes preparation. God’s blessing upon our lives is also not automatic. It requires discipline, effort and preparation. There are some things that we have to make ourselves do and not do in order to experience God’s blessing in our lives. For the past few weeks I have been



meditating upon this question: “What are the keys to experiencing God’s blessing in our lives?” The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah says that one way to be blessed by God is by waiting. *But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint* (Isaiah 40:31). Not long ago, while traveling on Interstate 80, I pulled off the road into a town where the speed limit was just 25 mph. Suddenly I found myself in the middle of a community where I was forced to slow down and wait at stoplights. I’d like to challenge you to take some time this week to slow down and stop to think about the word “wait” in Isaiah 40:31. What exactly was Isaiah saying when he said, “...they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength?” How might “waiting upon the Lord” be a key to experiencing God’s blessing in our lives?

THANKS

Our family would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards and extended messages of condolence and prayers during my mother’s recent passing. We were truly overwhelmed by your kindness. It meant so much to us during this difficult time.

**Sincerely,
Tina and Joe Lynott
and family of Elizabeth Moore**

As most of you know, I have moved to southern Maryland following my husband in his new job and to begin a new journey in our lives. I did not get to see some of you before I left to thank you for sharing memories with me. That was too hard for

me to do. I should not have cried because it was over, but smiled because it all happened. So with this note, I wanted to thank all of you for your support, guidance and opportunities, but most of all for your friendship and laughter. Tobyhanna Army Depot will always hold a special place in my heart. God is great and I am thankful for the life He has given me. As written by Richard Bach, don’t be dismayed at goodbyes as a farewell is necessary before you can meet again, and meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends. God bless and until we meet again.

**Fondly,
Anita Maher**



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OBITUARY

Jerome ‘Jerry’ V. Martis died Sept. 3. He was 64. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Martis graduated from Berwick High School and later from Luzerne Community College and the Capitol Institute of Technology in Washington, D.C. Martis served four years in the Air Force as a security policeman during the Vietnam War. He then served two years with the Army Reserves Armored Cavalry. His career at Tobyhanna began in 1978. Most recently he worked as an electronics equipment inspector in the Communications Systems Directorate’s Communications Security Division. He earned the Army Superior Unit award in 2000. Martis was a member of the Veteran’s of Foreign War Anthracite Post 283 in Kingston and St. Ignatius Church. He was an avid hunter and sportsman. Martis is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and nephew.



Martis



CFC campaign spices things up
Shannon Reyes (left) and Tamara Marinaro serve ‘A Little Bit of Retaliation’ chili during the Combined Federal Campaign Chili-Sauce Kickoff event on Sept. 13. Reyes and Marinaro were representing the Equal Employment Office and deaf and hard of hearing employees. Separate events were scheduled for 1st and 3rd shift employees. Winners of the 1st Shift kickoff were: Best Chili, 1st Place, Blue Devil Demise by Vikings Helping Vikings. Best Decorated Booth, 1st Place, The Wise Guys. Best Sauce, 1st Place, The Wise Guys. Winners of the 3rd Shift cookoff were: Best Chili, 1st Place, MaryJo’s Chili. Best Decorated Booth, 1st Place, Millie’s Grilly Chili. Fireman’s Choice Winners: 1st Shift Winner, Transponders Top Secret Chili; 3rd Shift Winner, Bubba Smurf’s Chili. CFC agency books are now available. For information, contact CFC Co-Chair Beverly Foster, X56920. Plans are being finalized for the CFC Telethon on Oct. 6. Volunteers stationed in all cafeterias will collect pledges from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone who makes a pledge that day will receive a coupon for a free lunch at the end of the month, a chance to win a prize and there will be free coffee during the telethon. Employees who donate online must bring a printed record of their donation to the cafeteria. For further information, call the CFC chairs: Foster; Lori Martin, X56584; and Donna McCawley, X56757. (Photo by Tony Medici)

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EXCELLENCE IN
ELECTRONICS

Panetta assesses national security threats

by Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While terrorism remains a threat to national security, it is joined by cyber attacks, nuclear weapons capability and a number of rising powers among the world’s nations, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said in an interview broadcast Sept. 7.

“We continue to face threats from Iran and North Korea. We’re living in a world where cybersecurity is now something to be

concerned about,” Panetta said in a televised interview with PBS’ Charlie Rose.

“We also are living in a world in which there are rising powers, countries like China and Brazil and India, not to mention obviously Russia and others, that provide a challenge to us not only in trying to cooperate with them, but making sure that they don’t undermine the stability of the world,” he added.

Panetta said his role in meeting those threats is leading the Defense Department in effective national protection.



Broadcast journalist Charlie Rose interviews Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta after the secretary's visit to the 9/11 memorial site in New York. Panetta discussed a variety of defense issues. (DoD photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jacob N. Bailey)

“It’s about being in charge of the services, our men and women in uniform who have to actually go out there and do the mission,” the secretary said.

In an era of persistent budget constraints, he said, defense must be more agile, both in quickly deployable forces and weapon systems and in more efficient management and procurement.

“We’ve got to be able to do all of this without breaking faith with those that put their lives on the line, ... who are the key to whether or not our defense system works,” he added.

The secretary said trust is key not only to effective defense leadership, but also to the United States’ international relationships.

Panetta said his counterparts in other nations tell him the most important element in cooperating with the United States is “when we give our word, when we say we’re going to do something, ... they have to trust that that’s going to happen. We have to be a dependable alliance partner.”

The nation’s troops have the same priority, he said: “When we say we’re going to provide certain benefits, we’ll stick to it, [and] that we will care for them if they’re wounded, that we will be there for them because of what they’re doing to try to protect this country.”

Such trust is especially critical as the military’s missions remain a crucial stabilizing factor in the world, he said.

While the U.S. drawdown in Iraq remains on track, the secretary said, the real question

remains whether the United States will maintain a noncombat troop presence there, and if so, what kind of presence it will be.

He noted that Iraqi President Nouri al-Maliki has indicated he wants Iraq to have some kind of training assistance from the United States after Dec. 31, when all U.S. troops are scheduled to be out of Iraq in accordance with a 2008 agreement between the two countries.

“And so the issue of what that will look like, how many will be there, is something that has to be negotiated with the Iraqis,” Panetta said.

Meanwhile, Iran continues to try to exert a “very, very large influence” on events in Iraq, he noted.

“They clearly continue to provide weaponry to Shiia extremist groups,” he said. “They clearly try to exert pressure on the government of Iraq. ... And the end result is that we remain very concerned that Iran ... tries to undermine the stability of Iraq and its future.”

Panetta said he has spoken directly to Maliki about his concerns, and the Iraqi president shares them.

“We cannot tolerate having Iranians provide weapons to extremists to kill Americans. That is not tolerable,” the secretary said. “And he agrees.”

Maliki has made that case to Iran, and Iraqi forces have conducted operations against groups working to transfer weapons from Iran to Iraq, Panetta said.

Odierno 38th Army chief, Dempsey next chairman

by Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va. – The U.S. Army transitioned to new leadership as it welcomed the 38th Army chief of staff during a change of responsibility ceremony held here Sept. 7.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno assumed responsibility as the Army’s chief of staff from Gen. Martin E. Dempsey as Dempsey begins his transition to serve as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“As the new secretary of defense, and as someone who shares the immigrant backgrounds of these distinguished officers we pay tribute to today, it is truly a personal privilege for me to honor two of our military’s most talented leaders as they take on new responsibilities,” said Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta.

Panetta welcomed Dempsey as he prepares to take his position as DOD’s senior military officer.

“Having worked closely with General Dempsey since becoming the secretary of defense, I can say that the president has made a truly inspiring choice in picking him to serve as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” the defense secretary said.

“He will be the first Army general in 10 years to occupy that post,” Panetta said of Dempsey. “As a former intelligence officer in the Army, I am truly pleased to have General Dempsey as a partner in running the Department of Defense.”

Panetta praised Dempsey as a “real ‘muddy-boots’ Soldier,” and a “battle-hardened commander” who was responsible for transitioning the Army to nine month

deployments and 18-month dwell time.

“As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marty will have the opportunity to work with the service chiefs [and] craft a joint force that can defeat a wide range of complex security threats that we face today,” Panetta said.

“And that we will face into the future,” he added.

“Today’s military is the finest fighting force in the world. Together, we will work to ensure that it always remains the finest fighting force in the world.”

Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh greeted Odierno as he takes his post as Army chief.

“Ray Odierno brings to this job impressive, even impeccable, credentials as a Soldier and leader, commanding units at every level during a career that spans some three-and-a-half decades,” McHugh said.

The Army secretary said he was more than familiar with Odierno, having visited Iraq 14 times during Odierno’s various commands.

“As a testament to his leadership and acumen on the battlefield, General Odierno is only the second officer since Vietnam to command at division, corps and Army level during the same conflict,” McHugh said.

Dempsey shared two highlights from his five-month tour as the Army’s senior leader.

“My time as chief was framed by two events – a visit to the civil war battlefield Antietam early in my tour, and the fact that we’re approaching the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 here at the end of it,” he said.

“My brief tenure as chief has produced a lifetime of memories,” Dempsey added. “It’s been my great honor to serve as the 37th chief of staff of the United States Army. Thank you.”

Odierno expressed his gratitude for being nominated

as the 38th Army chief.

“I appreciate the confidence of President Obama, and all the leaders of the Army and the joint force, in allowing me the honor of assuming duties as the 38th chief of staff of the Army,” he said.

“Over the last 10 years, our Army has proven itself in arguably the most difficult environment this nation has ever faced,” Odierno said. “Our leaders at every level have displayed unparalleled ingenuity, flexibility and adaptability.”

“Our Soldiers have displayed mental and physical toughness, but most importantly, courage under fire,” Odierno added. Today’s Army, he said, is the most versatile, rapidly deployable, sustainable, strategic land force the world has ever known.

“I’m proud to be a part of that Army,” Odierno said.

“I’m proud to have the opportunity to continue to serve with these great men and women, the next great generation,” he added, “and I’m humbled and honored to serve as the 38th chief of staff of the Army.”



Gen. Raymond T. Odierno. (U.S. Army photo)



Gen. Martin E. Dempsey. (U.S. Army photo)

Family Fall Fest set for Saturday

Employees and the public are invited to Saturday’s Family Fall Fest at Tobyhanna Army Depot. The event is free and begins at 8 a.m. Attendees can choose from several activities. Call 570–615–7150 for more information or to enter competitive events.

Kid’s Carnival Area

- Obstacle Course
- Humvee rides
- Mechanical bull
- Army recruiting climbing wall
- Arts and crafts

Touch–A–Truck

- Military equipment and vehicles will be available for close inspection
- Commercial and municipal vehicles also available

5K Run

- T-shirts will be on sale
- Prizes will be awarded
- Call to enter

Commander’s Softball Tournament

- Enjoy the game and support your local warfighters

Car Show

- More than 20 classes of cars
- Vote for your favorite
- Call to enter

Kids and Adult Fishing Derby

- Three age group categories
- Activities for children
- Call to enter

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installation team to postpone work until the next morning.

“The British worked really hard to get us power,” said Nemeth. “We assessed the situation as a group and decided to stop for the day and take whatever work we could back with us to the base.”

The British tried to start the generator again the next morning, but rising temperatures battled the crew, resulting in another work stoppage.

“We worked by flashlight for a few hours, but the room had no windows and was extremely hot by 9:30 a.m.,” Nemeth said. “I had to call it off for the morning to protect our guys.” Again, the crew prepared to pack up and work on what they could away from the work site.

With the help of Iraqi engineers, British personnel were able to start the generator around 11 a.m. the next day, allowing the install team to stay on-site and complete the day’s work.

During difficult situations like this, when the group had to make the best with what they were given, respect and a mutual understanding of one another are what helped the crew succeed.

“We’re like brothers when we’re out there [in the field],” said Nemeth, who has worked with Ondrako for six and a half years and Jones for over seven. “Whenever we come across a problem we can work together, calm each other down and play off of each other’s strengths. Everyone brings in a wide range of expertise and past experiences that builds knowledge for the future.”

Ondrako remarked that this sort of group dynamic is what allows the team to overcome whatever problems may arise.

“It’s not your everyday function,” he said. “When things don’t go right you try to say to each other, ‘okay let’s keep our heads cool, let’s not get nervous.’ You can imagine what our troops are going through.”

The labs now in Taji and Ar Rustamiyah meet all training requirements established by the Defense Language Institute-English Language Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Each lab consists of 25 to 30 student carrels, small enclosures designed for privacy in studying and using the interactive materials.

Stephen Pesta, training instructor in the Field Logistics Support Directorate’s Readiness Training Division, has been part of the TMLL program since its inception and traveled to Iraq earlier this year for an install. Pesta is responsible for conducting training on the TMLL software once the labs have been completed. He can use various equipment and formats, such as videocassette tape, compact disc, digital videodisc or audiocassette tape, to interface with the students.

“The analog/digital labs let the instructors and I monitor students’ computer work on the instructor console screen using the keyboard and mouse control,” Pesta said.

It can also send the instructor’s screen to all or a designated group of students, and model a student’s screen to all or a designated group. The student’s computers can be controlled from the instructor’s console.

Personnel from Tobyhanna have been assisted by various forces throughout the TMLL program, dating back to the first install in 2003. For this mission, British, Polish and Iraqi forces provided assistance in Ar Rustamiyah. In Taji, the U.S. Air Force 821st Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron provided security and assistance.

The most recent mission brings the total of TMLL systems to 108, installed in countries around the world. Tobyhanna Army Depot has also sent an additional 213 TMLL systems in various configurations that were sent directly to the customer for installation.

“The program is getting larger and receiving more recognition,” Pesta said. “When it first started [after 9/11], it was very much under the radar. Now that the depot’s name is out there and forces have seen the work we do and how we do it, more and more language labs are being manufactured and installed. It’s truly been a great and rewarding experience.”

“A lot of what we do with the program wouldn’t be possible without many other people who are involved at the depot,” Pesta noted.



Mark Michalik

Duty title: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician
Directorate: Public Works

Mark Michalik recently returned from a deployment to Iraq, where he worked to troubleshoot controls and mechanical systems that provide comfort to personnel while maintaining environmentally controlled areas.

Michalik says his service was a challenging but rewarding experience that included little down time and complex maintenance of state of the art direct digital control systems.

His experience has strengthened his support of other troops and their families. “After serving myself, I now know how important it is to have a good support network,” Michalik said. “The pride I feel after contributing to the troop’s mission helps me feel like I have made a difference.”

After facing the tests of deployment, Michalik considers returning to Iraq and urges others to do the same.

“I would do it again in a heartbeat,” he said. “I recommend it as a challenge to anyone.”

Volunteers provide on-site support in positions around the globe. Work schedule is typically 7 days per week, 12 hours per day. Overtime pay, locality pay, holiday pay, Sunday premium, Foreign Post Differential and danger pay are all offered based on eligibility. Training opportunities are available to individuals interested in volunteering for a deployment or temporary duty assignment. Supervisory approval is required before volunteering to deploy. The following intranet link offers more information on deployment opportunities and points of contact: <http://intranet.tobyhanna.army.mil/Intranet/contacts/view.cfm?MenuID=5111>



The language lab installed in Taji, Iraq, included 20 modular work stations equipped with state-of-the-art language learning software. (Photo by John Nemeth)

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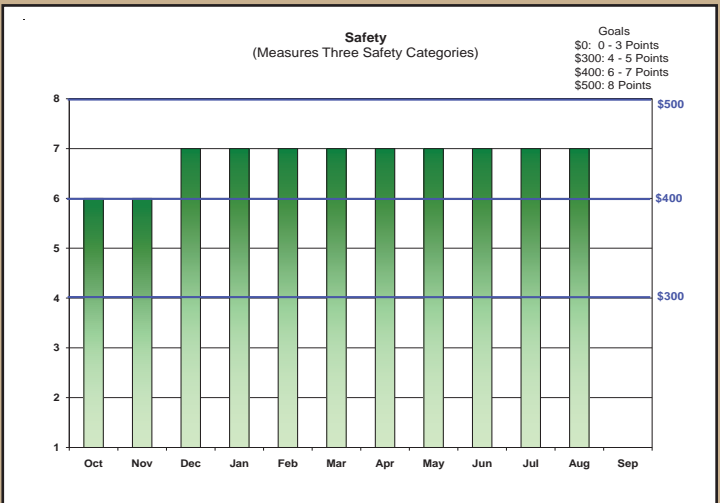
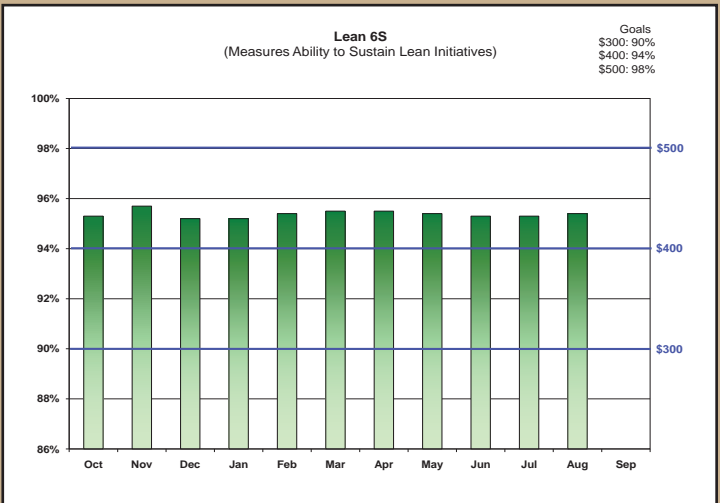
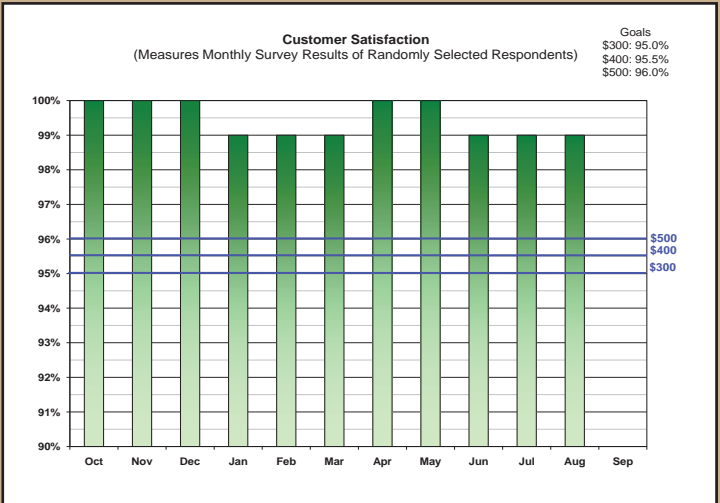
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DEPOT PERFORMANCE IN KEY AREAS

Based on August data, the current projected payout is \$1,800. The employee payout award is based on performance in four areas rather than just the depot's financial performance as defined by the annual Net Operating Result (NOR). The amounts depicted in the charts represent a "projected payout" based on the depot standing against the stretch goals. Each of the four metrics has a payout potential of \$500 for a potential maximum payout of \$2,000. The final award amount will be determined by the cumulative status in each of the four areas at the end of the fiscal year. Updates will be published in the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.



Painting CROWS

Electronics Mechanic John Gower performs tests on a Common Remotely Operated Weapons System, or CROWS. Gower works in the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Branch of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. Tobyhanna Army Depot has been tasked to paint about 100 of the systems, which are used on M1 Abrams tanks. The systems are tested to make sure they function properly, disassembled, painted, reassembled and tested again. CROWS are also used on Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Systems, Humvees and Stryker vehicles. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

Employees donate to federal food drive

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Depot employees have contributed more than 424 pounds of food for the third annual Feds Feed Families Food Drive Campaign.

The federal-wide campaign, which ran from Aug. 1-30, set a goal of two million pounds of non-perishable foods for local food banks across the country.

The Department of Defense pledged to collect 733,800 pounds. Federal employees and the military were asked to step up and meet this challenge and have so far donated more than 1.97 million pounds.

"The children at Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) decorated the collection boxes located in the

Post Restaurant, mezzanine and Café 4," said Heather Fiedler, Army Community Services Directorate. "The official kick off here was July 30 during the Military Retiree Day and case lot sale at the Commissary."

Army Community Service, in coordination with Morale, Welfare and Recreation, collected the food items and delivered them to the Pocono Mountain Ecumenical Hunger Ministry Food Pantry.

The campaign is in response to severe shortages of non-perishable food items at food banks, especially during the summer months.

"This campaign is a great opportunity for employees to give back to the surrounding communities by showing our generosity and compassion to families in need," said Walter Dorosky, director of Community Services.

Tobyhanna will celebrate 100–year anniversary in 2012

Preparations are underway to observe the 100th anniversary of the Army’s arrival here in 1912.

As part of this, the Tobyhanna Reporter will regularly publish historical articles and photographs. Personnel are invited to bring photos and documents related to the Army’s presence at Tobyhanna to the Graphics Office in Building 11. The originals will

be scanned and returned. Employees must obtain supervisory approval before calling X57743 to schedule an appointment.

The Army’s presence in Tobyhanna can be traced to 1912, when Maj. Charles P. Summerall, commander of the 3rd Field Artillery, Fort Myer, Va., leased land for training his unit.

The next year, he began the purchase

of land that would eventually total more than 20,000 acres to provide a field artillery training site for Regular Army and National Guard units. Units came from throughout the eastern United States to train here each summer.

Summerall went on to revolutionize artillery tactics in World War I and eventually became the Army Chief of Staff. Upon retirement, he served as the president of The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina.

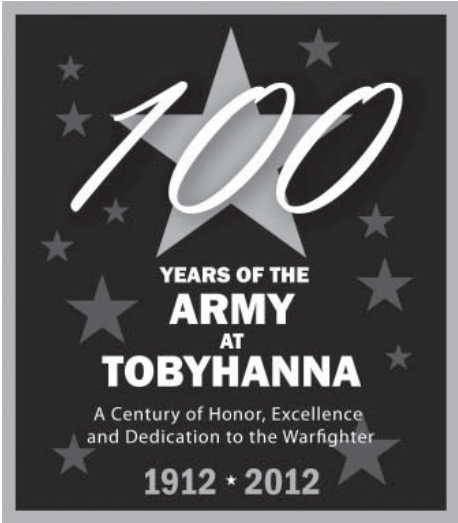
The reservation went by several names, including Camp Summerall, Camp Tobyhanna and the Tobyhanna Artillery Target Range. During World War I, the reservation also served as a tank and ambulance training center.

From 1919 to 1932, the reservation reverted to its original mission as a field artillery training site, primarily for the National Guard. It was the only location in Pennsylvania where live cannon fire was permitted.

Later in the 1930s, Tobyhanna became a major encampment for the Civilian Conservation Corps, processing personnel headed for conservation projects at national parks in the western United States.

In the summers of 1938 through 1941, cadets from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., received artillery training here.

During World War II, Tobyhanna briefly



served as an anti-aircraft artillery training site. Later, it was a storage depot for gliders used in the D-Day invasion and other airborne operations, and as a camp for 200 German prisoners of war, who harvested ice and crops in the region. They were sent home late in 1945.

Following the war, the entire reservation was turned over to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for conservation and recreation purposes. The site was proposed for a number of uses in those post-war years, including headquarters for the United Nations and for the Veterans Administration hospital, which was later built in Wilkes-Barre.



Soldiers performed artillery training at Tobyhanna prior to World War I. The Army’s presence in Tobyhanna can be traced to 1912, when Maj. Charles P. Summerall leased land for training his unit. The next year, he began the purchase of land that would eventually total more than 20,000 acres to provide a field artillery training site for Regular Army and National Guard units. Units came from throughout the eastern United States to train here each summer. Summerall went on to revolutionize artillery tactics in World War I and eventually became the Army Chief of Staff.

Flood assistance available via CFC, local charities, credit union

There are a number of ways personnel can assist co-workers and others affected by the recent flooding in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

As reported by local media, area charities are accepting donations which will remain in the local area. The Combined Federal Campaign is also underway and an excellent way to target your charitable contributions to organizations of your choice.

The Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union is accepting cleaning material supplies at its Scranton and Wilkes-Barre branches for distribution to flood victims.

To specifically aid a co-worker, informal funds may be established here. There are some rules to follow.

All donations are voluntary and solicitation is not permitted in the work area during duty time. An employee may not donate more than \$10 to a supervisor. A list of donors cannot be maintained, but donors may sign a card for the flood victim. You may not use the e-mail system to announce the fund depot-wide.

The scenario below is the recommended process:

During break time or lunch, an employee (not a supervisor) may tell co-workers in a cost center or group that an employee informal collection is underway for co-worker “Jane Doe” whose home was flooded and name the Point of Contact.

Because this is an informal fund, the employees in that group must determine if the donation will be in cash or gift card and how the gift will be delivered.

Formal fund drives are another option for employees who have experienced a catastrophic event, such as the loss of a home due to a fire.

These drives must be approved by the commander and are done only after receiving approval from the affected employee. An account is established in the credit union to collect any monetary donations for a limited time period.

Contact the Legal Office, X57210, if you have questions about the informal and formal fund donation processes.

CAREER MILESTONE



From left, depot commander Col. Charles C. Gibson, Gary Evans, Charles Zeisler, George Rittenhouse and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer attend the Length of Service ceremony held August 31.

Three Tobyhanna employees were recognized for their years of government service during the August 31 Length of Service Ceremony.

Gary Evans — 30 years, electronics equipment inspector, Quality Improvement Division, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

George Rittenhouse — 30 years, engineering technician, Engineering Division, Public Works Directorate.

Charles Zeisler — 30 years, quality

assurance specialist, Quality Management Division, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, employees with 30 years of service receive a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot signed by their coworkers.

Honorees who attend the Length of Service Ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award. Depot commander Col. Charles C. Gibson and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer presented the awards.

NEW SUPERVISORS

Nathaniel Edwards is chief of the Industrial Risk Management Directorate’s Environmental Management Division. As chief he ensures depot procedures comply with environmental regulations. Prior to coming to Tobyhanna, Edwards worked as environmental project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Wiesbaden, Germany. His work there included natural resource and environmental compliance project management at nine military installations throughout Europe. Edwards also deployed to Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo in 2010 where he served as chief environmental officer.

He served for four years in the Army as an airframe mechanic in Camp Stanley, Korea, and airframe team leader at Fort Campbell, Ky. His awards include a National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, NATO Civilian Service Award and two Army Achievement medals for Civilian Service. Edwards is a 1996 graduate of Berkeley Springs High School in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Management from the University of Maryland in 2004. His hobbies include racquetball, hiking, camping and traveling.

Corey Sheakoski is chief of the Mission Software Branch, Production Engineering



Edwards



Sheakoski



Yarbrough



Janosov

Directorate’s Automated Mission Support Division. As chief, he supervises employees who maintain and support mission related automated systems. Personnel in the branch also administrate the product lifecycle management system that stores data for use as part of the depot’s paperless initiative. Prior to becoming chief, Sheakoski worked as a computer engineer. Sheakoski is a 2001 graduate of Abington Heights High School and a 2005 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a member of Saint Gregory Church in Clarks Summit. His hobbies include riding off-road vehicles, biking and working on cars and houses. **Daniel Yarbrough** is chief of the Mobile Electric Power Branch, Integration Support Division, Systems Integration and Support (SIS) Directorate.

As chief, he supervises more than 10 employees who assemble generators to support the Mobile Electric Power programs for Army and Air Force missions. Under his guidance, workers also overhaul generator systems and perform tests and inspections to ensure they will not fail in the field. Prior to his current position, Yarbrough worked as an air conditioning equipment mechanic in the directorate’s Environmental Control Branch. Yarbrough is a 1996 graduate of Dunmore High School. He served for nine years in the Marine Corps, supporting missions including Operation Iraqi Freedom, for which he deployed in 2003 to maintain and operate generators and air conditioning equipment. Yarbrough also served overseas in Okinawa, Japan, where he set up multiple field operators in support of sensitive communications equipment. His awards and decorations include a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, a Good Conduct medal with

three oak leaf clusters, a Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Meritorious Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation and Rife Expert 2nd Award. In his spare time he enjoys bowling and fishing. **Lt. Joseph Janosov** is a shift supervisor in the Industrial Risk Management Directorate’s Security Division. As supervisor he oversees police and security personnel in all areas of the depot. Janosov plans work schedules, advises employees on their assigned duties and provides on-the-job training to new hires. His work involves handling problems ranging from rules violations to large-scale threats. Prior to his current position, Janosov was a desk sergeant in the division. Janosov is a 1980 graduate of Coughlin High School. He served 10 years in the United States Air Force as a security police supervisor, stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. from 1981 to 1991. Some of his hobbies include hiking, fishing, boating, camping and hunting.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor’s Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted. Information must be submitted via e-mail to Anthony.Ricchiazzi@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076. Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual’s consent to publish personal information all versions of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*. Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer’s responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin. For information, call Anthony Ricchiazzi, X57557.



VAN/CAR POOLS

Dupont, Avoca, Moosic: 2 openings, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call Janice, X56269. **Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, van, “A” placard, non-smoking, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, pick up locations are the Park & Ride across from Kmart in Wilkes-Bare Township and the Park & Ride in Pittston/Dupont across from Ken Pollock Suzuki, call John Sokolowski, X57007, or Michelle Reese, X58566. **Dallas:** 1 opening, van, “A” placard, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., route includes Dallas, Shavertown, Luzerne and Wilkes-Barre, traveling I-81 North to I-380. Call Ralph Szalkowski, X59559 or Roy Fulkersin, X57230. **Carbondale, Jermyn, Mayfield, Childs:** 2 openings, pick



TRADING POST

Vehicle: 1994 Jeep Cherokee, 4-wheel drive, 84,000 original miles, well maintained, no rust, aluminum wheels with new tires, new brakes, excellent winter work vehicle, \$4,200, call 563-1105. **Boat:** 1987 aluminum Gamefisher boat and trailer, 14 foot, good condition, new 3-speed, 30 lb. thrust electric motor, marine battery, anchor, strap and life jackets, 2 seats, oars, spare tire, \$1,000, call 689-1931. **Truck:** 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 3500, 4-wheel drive, dump truck, fully loaded, Vortec 6.0L V8, 9-foot Fisher snow plow, A/C, cruise control, 7,500 miles, \$38,000, call Adam Beers, 350-6893.

Puppies: AKC Bichon puppies, \$500 each, puppies are white or white/apricot, grow to between 12 to 14 pounds, all shots are up to date, great with children, very loveable, call 842-0806 (evenings) or 351-6145 (cell). **Treadmill:** Weslo 78S model, excellent condition, \$250 OBO, call Blaise, 883-9981. **Snow tires:** Four Hakkapeliitta RSi, size 205/65/R15, very low miles, \$250 OBO, pictures available upon request, call or text Jon, 991-3000. **Vehicle:** 1998 Toyota Camry LE, 2.2 L, power windows, locks, sunroof, new inspection, factory serviced, maintained, clean, dependable, \$5,200, call Jeff, 876-1353. **Vehicle:** 1995 Jeep Wrangler, 4 cylinder, 5-speed manual transmission, hard and soft top, and doors included, brand new tires with less than 1,000 miles, brand new stereo system, satellite radio ready, was not used for off-road, asking \$3,500, call 836-5202. **Wheels and tires:** 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee OEM cast wheels, gold trim with center caps and P225/70R15 tires mounted, fits many 1993-1998 Jeep models, one set new, \$150, four sets, used, in excellent condition, \$125 each, all for \$600, call Mike,443-0545. **Vehicle:** Black Infiniti FX35 AWD, power heated leather seats, backup camera, Bose premium sound, 6 disc changer, 101,450 miles, \$19,950, contact Tony, 604-6217 or tony.bartocci@gmail.com. **Camper:** Pop-up, 2005 Flagstaff by Forest River, 176 SD LTD, like new condition, sleeps six, kitchen/dining area, \$3,199 OBO, call Randy, 578-5112. **Motorcycle:** 2009 Kawasaki Vulcan 500, like-new condition, 142 miles, garage kept, \$4,500 OBO, call 233-0988 or 401-7610.



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Words, silence honor September 11 victims

Employees watch as depot commander Col. Charles Gibson, flanked by depot and local emergency services personnel, prepares to place a wreath during the Sept. 11 Commemorative Ceremony. The ceremony, held Sept. 9, was marked by prayer, a moment of silence and an address by Gibson.

"America stands for the rule of law and for the rights of individual men and women to live free," Gibson said. "Today, we should all be proud to be Americans, citizens of the land of the free and the home of the brave. We are a nation of resolve and resilience. Americans were shocked by the acts of 9/11, but we gathered ourselves, grieved for our losses and took up the challenge posed by global terrorism."

"9/11 showed how much we have in common, even in this melting-pot land of racial, ethnic, social and religious diversity," he said. "It reinforced that America, while not perfect, is still the symbol of liberty to freedom-loving people around the world."

Local emergency personnel included firefighters from the Coolbaugh Township and Gouldsboro volunteer fire departments, the Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services, FBI (Scranton Field Office), Pennsylvania State Police (Swiftwater Barracks) and the Pocono Mountain Regional Police.



Eight former depot commanders are escorted from the ceremony platform in front of Building 11 to the tree planting site with the help of a color guard leading a Humvee parade. They were recognized for their contributions to Tobyhanna Army Depot and participated in a ceremonial tree planting to honor all depot commanders. (Photos by Steve Grzezdinski)

Past meets present Former commanders return

The reunion of eight former commanders here on Aug. 26 helped begin a 100-year anniversary celebration of the Army's presence at Tobyhanna (see Page 6).

As part of the ceremony, Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki shared highlights of each commander's tour of duty at the depot. Their contributions helped transform the depot into the largest, full-service electronics maintenance facility in the Department of Defense, as well as Northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer. The event concluded with the planting of the "Commanders' Tree" and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

On the right, depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer (left), former civilian executive assistant Mason Linn, Col. Tracy L. Ellis, Col. Carl Little (Ret.), Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Prather Jr., depot commander Col. Charles Gibson, Col. Ronald P. Alberto, Col. Kurt Weidenthal II (Ret.), Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki, Col. Michael A. Lindquist (Ret.), Col. Thomas F. Springer (Ret.), Col. Rex M. Isley (Ret.) celebrate the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

